lakhs. Bank has also taken steps to recover its dues.

(c) to (f). In the first case at D.N. Road Branch, CBI has not found involvement of bank staff. In the second case at Zavery Bazar branch, three officers have been suspended. A complaint with CBI has also been lodged.

(g) Government, RBI and banks take steps from time to time for prevention and prompt detection of frauds. Some of these steps are as follows:

(i) Strengthening of control mechanism by banks through inspections, audits and periodic returns;

(ii) The clearing of arrears in balancing of books and reconciliation of inter-branch account on a continuous basis;

(iii) Appointment of Chief Vigilance Officers in the nationalised banks on deputation from other banks;

(iv) Creation of Special Investigation Cell in RBI for investigation and scrutiny into major frauds;

(v) Circulation of Caution Notices by RBI to Chief Executives of banks on important cases of frauds;

(vi) proper training of operational personnel;

(vii) Concerted action by banks to implement anti-corruption measures; and

(viii) Review of vigilance cases by a Committee of Directors and Board of Directors of banks.

[*English*]

Aid to States for better Roads

859. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:
SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT:
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to give more aid to the State Governments for better roads as reported in the Economic Times dated December 30, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The Parliament had adopted a Revised Resolution about the Central Road Fund on 13.5.88, in terms of increasing the cess on petrol and bringing diesel within its purview, under which the State Govts. would get additional funds for road development. However, actual augmentation of the Fund has not yet taken place. As such, it is too early to say when the proposal will be implemented.

Income-Tax Refund

860. SHRIMATI RITA VERMA:
SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN:
SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: